

NOT FOR CIRCULATION(Minutes of OCh/G Staff Meeting, 4 January 1954 - - SPECIAL ANNEX)

- 25X1A9a 1. [REDACTED] announced that he had been nominated by the CIA Career Service Board to attend the Advanced Management course at Harvard University. Two other individuals from CIA, [REDACTED] from OSI, and 25X1A9a [REDACTED] from OO, have also been nominated. The final decision remains with the officials at Harvard, and it should be known in the near future whether one or more of the nominees will be accepted for attendance. The course is scheduled to run from 24 February to some time in May.
- 25X1A9a 2. [REDACTED] reported that his draft of the staff study proposing dissolution of the Territorial Studies Branch and reassignment of the personnel elsewhere in the Geography Division is virtually complete.
- 25X1A9a 3. [REDACTED] mentioned that he would like to include one person from D/GC on the next ORR team [REDACTED]. It was 25X1X7 indicated that the team now there may be required to serve a two year tour of duty, rather than a single year as in the past. However, it was indicated that the inclusion of a D/GC person on the next ORR team would be favorably considered.
- 25X1A9a 4. [REDACTED] indicated that the problem of the light work load in the Graphics Branch of D/GC has been temporarily eased by requests from D/GP. However it was recognized that this is not a complete solution to the problem, and [REDACTED] proposed that the problem of having several graphics units within CIA still requires investigation.
- 25X1A9a 5. There was some discussion of the advisability of recommending 25X1A9a continued Agency support for Chinese language training for [REDACTED]. 25X1A9a [REDACTED] is to discuss this matter with [REDACTED] and point out that the Agency, as a matter of policy, does not wish to financially under-write training for employees without some reasonable expectation of benefiting from the results of that training. It was emphasized that, in dealing with individual instances, it is impractical to try to make this a hard and fast rule and to require individuals to remain with the Agency after having received Agency-subsidized training.
- 25X1A9a 6. [REDACTED] reported that [REDACTED] has indicated his intention to resign in February. He plans to accept a teaching position in Aspen, Colorado.
- 25X1A9a 7. [REDACTED] mentioned that he has had unofficial indication from DD/P representatives that two slots from the DD/P Area may be made available to the Geography Division in connection with the heavy requirements being placed upon D/GG by the Far East units of DD/P.

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25X1A9a 8. [REDACTED] requested that a representative of the USSR Branch
25X1A9a of D/GG be included on the team scheduled to travel into the Canadian
Arctic in February. [REDACTED] agreed to investigate this possibility.

25X1A9a 9. [REDACTED] sought the advice of the group on the question of
25X1A9a accepting [REDACTED] of OTR on a transfer to a regular full-time
position in D/GC. It was indicated that a suitable slot is available
in the Europe-Africa Compilation Branch, and that information concerning
25X1A9a [REDACTED] qualifications might be obtained from consultation with
25X1A9a [REDACTED] who had rather extensive dealings with [REDACTED] when he was 25X1A9a
25X1A9a formerly employed at AMS. [REDACTED] will explore this matter further
before making a definite decision.